



August 18, 2016

Rita Coleman
Program Manager
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
400 Waterfront Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

RE: Chapter 102 and Chapter 105 Permits, Sunoco Mariner East Pipeline System

Dear Ms. Coleman,

As President of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce and a founding member of the Pennsylvania Energy Infrastructure Alliance (PEIA), please accept these comments in support of Sunoco Logistics' permits to build the Mariner East 2 pipeline.

Government data already indicates that pipelines are the safest, most environmentally friendly way to transport energy resources. We believe that safe development and environmental protection go hand and hand. In fact, this pipeline will be built with local skilled workers who pride themselves on having the most advanced training, safety redundancies, and other operational excellence protocols to prevent negative impacts on property, the environment, and the local community. Additionally, Mariner East 2's parent company, Sunoco Logistics, has met and exceeded all safety requirements and will ensure that this pipeline will be built with the highest standards in mind.

Through the existence of the Marcellus and Utica shale formations in western Pennsylvania, we have a great opportunity to reap the benefits from energy resources developed here. Development is not enough, however. As the second largest natural gas producing state in the country, Pennsylvania's energy infrastructure is inadequate to facilitate both production and demand. Mariner East 2 will help deliver energy resources from western Pennsylvania to the revitalized Marcus Hook Industrial Complex in southeastern Pennsylvania for processing, storage and transport to market for consumers use.

I can tell you personally that businesses and residents in Washington County have witnessed firsthand how the energy industry has been a catalyst for economic growth in recent years, including the creation of 1,762 jobs in Washington County alone last year. A recent study by Dr. Yongsheng Wang of Washington & Jefferson College, in conjunction with the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, found that the shale industry contributed 15 percent to 20 percent of our county's economic output between 2011 and 2013. These tangible economic Page benefits must not be taken for granted. We now need the infrastructure to move our valuable energy resources to national and international markets, because, if we do not, others will. We have already seen proposals to send our natural gas resources out of state and down to the Gulf Coast for processing and transport.

This energy infrastructure development is beneficial for all Pennsylvanians. A large number of Pennsylvanians still depend on propane for winter heat, which the Mariner East system will deliver. Pennsylvania's once strong manufacturing sector depends on propane, ethane and butane not just for manufacturing operations, but also as a feedstock for a number of goods like paint and plastics. The fact is that most people are not even aware of the countless products they touch each and every day that are made from or dependent on energy resources.

New pipelines like the \$3 billion Mariner East 2 project will bring tremendous direct and indirect benefits to consumers and businesses across the state. Mariner East could generate \$4.2 billion to the Pennsylvania economy and generate \$62 million in tax revenues for the state. Projects like this will serve as a magnet for new, more private investment, which will generate even more economic growth.

For these reasons, we request that you support Sunoco Logistics' permit application to begin construction of the Mariner East 2 pipeline to ensure safe transport of Pennsylvania's energy resources.

Sincerely,

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